

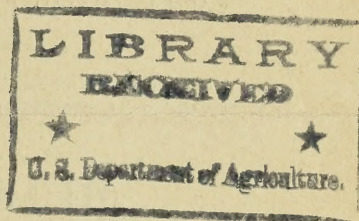
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# GEORGIA MELON SEED.



Georgia Melon Seed Co.,

THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA.

1899.



Seed of merit honestly and truly represented without  
exaggerated statements and misrepresentation.



Georgia is the home of the melon. She ships one million melons annually. Thomasville is in the midst of the melon section, hence well adapted to melon seed growing.

**WE GROW MELONS STRICTLY FOR SEED.** Most people sell their prime melons and save seed from the culls. We save seed from the **PRIME MELONS** and throw away the culls. It takes ten to fifteen large melons to produce a pound of seed, so any one can readily see that all cheap seed offered are from culls. **POOR SEED ARE HIGH AT ANY PRICE**, and choice seed are cheap, no matter how high the price.

### **TERMS.**

**CASH WITH ORDER.** "Owe no man anything, that we remain friends."

### **REMITTANCES.**

To Georgia Melon Seed Co., by P. O. Money Order, by Express or Express Money Order, Registered letter or New York Exchange.

## **MELON CULTURE.**

**SOIL**—While melons can be grown on almost any soil, they can not be raised successfully as a field crop unless the soil and location are favorable. The melon will not succeed on heavy clay or lime soil. Light, porous, sandy loam is the best, and it must be full of humus, or decaying vegetable matter in some form.

The soil should be neither very rich nor very poor—if first would induce a too luxuriant growth of vine and a poorer quality of melons, while the latter would not produce a crop large enough to pay for labor.

Melons follow a good pea crop well. The vines enrich the land and shade it to keep down grass and other obnoxious seeders. An oat patch, followed by peas, then melons, is a good preparation. It is not well to plant melons after grass on account of the seed.

**PLOWING**—With a two-horse plow turn over your land and completely wrap up all vegetation. Use a chain, if necessary, on the plow. Do this long enough before planting to allow vegetation plowed under to become well rotted before ready to plant. That will depend on character of vegetation to turn under, but generally about six weeks or two months.

**MAKING THE HILLS**—Just before time for planting, mark off across the intended rows with shovel plow ten feet wide. Then with turning plow, two or four furrows, make good deep water furrows ten feet apart for your regular rows across the first marking.

**FERTILIZING**—Where it is convenient to do so, make a compost of stable manure; cotton seed meal, phosphate and kainit, not half rotted, but well rotted. If not convenient, use commercial fertilizers as described below.

In the checks up and down the deep furrow, the regular row for two or three feet each way from center, scatter high grade fertilizer at the rates of 200 pounds per acre. Then bed on this with two good furrows. With a hoe or digging fork, work up the hill at checks and make a cross on the hill. Plant one limb of the cross, and every four or five days plant another limb of the cross. The above is practiced when planted before danger of frost is over, otherwise not necessary. Now strow along by the side of the hills, same distance as before, in the two furrows made for bed rows, two hundred pounds each cotton seed meal and phosphate per acre. Then throw two more furrows to cover this.

**THINNING THE PLANTS**—When the plants put on four leaves, reduce to three in the hill. When they get about two feet long, reduce to two in the hill on thin land and to one on rich land.

**FURTHER CULTIVATION**—After the plants are up, about once a week throw two more furrows to the bed till the middle is clear. When the plants need work commence with a sweep close to the row and keep just ahead of the vine till they lap in the middle, use the hoe between hills. Do not disturb vines by turning them for cultivation. Remember a little grass or weeds left is not objectionable, for the vines need them to cling to to prevent winds from rolling them over. If any other information is needed we will gladly furnish it. We have culled the lengthy list of melons and expect to offer only the gems. We will add to our list as melons of merit prove themselves worthy. Please let us add, do not spare **FERTILIZERS** and **CULTIVATION**.

## VARIETIES.

### GEORGIA'S BEST (Thomas.)

Oblong in shape, gracefully tapered at each end; color, green, with stripes, but not near so distant as the Rattlesnake; meat sweet, crisp, but melting. 'Tis strictly a melon for home use and local market. Growers here for their home use have quit planting all other melons and plant the Georgia's Best, for it is the best. It has no equal. Seed white and small. It takes seed out of sixteen large melons to weigh one pound. Early, prolific, uniform in size, averaging twenty-six pounds. The seed are pure, and so guaranteed. Should you have one mixed melon from Georgia's Best seed we will return your money.

Price of Georgia's Best, oz. 10c; pound, \$1.00. By mail 8c per pound extra.

DEAR SIR:—I am well satisfied with the Georgia's Best melon seed I got from you last spring. From the twenty cents worth of seed, I sold \$24.80 worth of melons. I want more seed from you.

Yours truly,

J. B. MARANGE, Abita Springs, La.

NACOGDOCHES, TEX.

DEAR SIR:—The watermelon seed you sent me were as you recommended and gave the best of satisfaction. I can say Georgia's Best will please any of your customers.

G. W. FALKNER.

### ICE CREAM.

Oblong, large blue, meat beautiful golden yellow, flesh melting and sweet. Seed salmon with dark border. One of the sweetest melons grown. The seed are absolutely pure and so guaranteed.

Price oz. 10c; pound, \$1.00. By mail 8c per pound extra.

The Times-Enterprise is indebted to Georgia Melon Seed Co. for a fine Ice Cream melon—the variety that took the prize over all others at the Fourth of July exhibit. The Ice Cream is decidedly the most crisp and melting variety that we have ever seen, grows to good size and bears liberally. It is of recent introduction in this section and promises to become a general favorite for home eating. Georgia Melon Seed Co. is growing it in its purity.—July 26, 1896.

This office is indebted to Georgia Melon Seed Co. for one of their delicious Ice Cream melons, which they have made a specialty of raising for some years. This is one of the choicest melons grown in this section, the flavor being exceptionally fine.—Times-Enterprise, July 28, 1897.

### KOLB GEM.

Round striped, white and green. THE FAMOUS GEORGIA MELON for shipping. Red meat and firm. Seed dark gray.

Price oz. 10c; pound, 60c.





# Planters of High Grade Seed.



SORRENTO, FLA.

GEORGIA MELON SEED CO., Thomasville, Ga.

DEAR SIR:—Thank you for the good melon seed you sold me. I did not plant near all the seed, but we had the best melons in Lake county, Florida. Sold about sixty dollars worth, besides gave away lots, and we cut about six a day at home. I planted 150 hills of Georgia's Best and 150 Ice Cream. Largest Georgia's Best, about 45 pounds; largest Ice Cream, about 60 pounds. Nearly every one that ate them said they were the best melons they ever tasted. Some would have only the Ice Cream, while others wanted Georgia's Best.

Respectfully,

J. W. COBB.

JEFFERSON, MISS.

DEAR SIR:—"Georgia's Best" melon grows to good size, and all my friends join me in saying that they are as sweet, if not the sweetest melon they ever ate. Accept my thanks for the extra seed put in. All are good, but none equal "Georgia's Best." I shall plant only Georgia's Best next year.

Respectfully,

W. E. HULL.

SWANSEA, S. C.

DEAR SIR:—The melon seed, Kolb Gem, bought of you last spring, all gave entire satisfaction.

Respectfully,

L. V. GAULT.

DRUSILLA, TEX., Dec. 13, 1897.

DEAR SIR:—I had fine success with the Georgia's Best melon seed I got of you. They are the first melons I ever got hold of that every one was good. They were the most prolific of twelve varieties I tried, and I placed them at the head of the list for sweetness, prolificness and general purposes.

Yours for success,

M. V. MORRIS, P. M.

ST. MATTHEWS, S. C.

DEAR SIR:—The melons produced from the "Georgia's Best" seed purchased of you the past spring proved to be an exceedingly fine variety, the fruit being unusually tender, juicy and crisp. They are also prolific and grow to a good size. I expect to purchase seed from you another year.

Yours truly,

WALTER SPIGENER

BAYBORO, GA.

GENTLEMEN:—The melon seed, Blue Gem, I bought of you last February proved entirely satisfactory.

Very truly,

W. J. ROGERS.

PENNINGTON, GA., Dec. 13, 1897.

DEAR SIR:—I am pleased at the result of the melon seed bought of you last spring, especially the "Ice Cream."

Yours truly,

J. J. CLACK.

DEAR SIR:—I am greatly pleased with both melon and peas (Hansell) bought of you last spring—have never seen better, and shall patronize you in the future.

Respectfully,

J. M. WALL, Wadesboro, N. C.

OXFORD, MISS.

DEAR SIR:—The melon seed, Georgia's Best, I got from you last spring did well. They were decidedly the best melon's on the Oxford market. The Hansell peas did well.

Yours respectfully,

W. T. TURNER.

ANNISTON, ALA., Dec. 30, 1897.

DEAR SIR:—The melon seed were a perfect success. Wish to purchase again.

Respectfully,

R. W. WHISENANT.

MANASSAS, GA., Jan. 1, 1898.

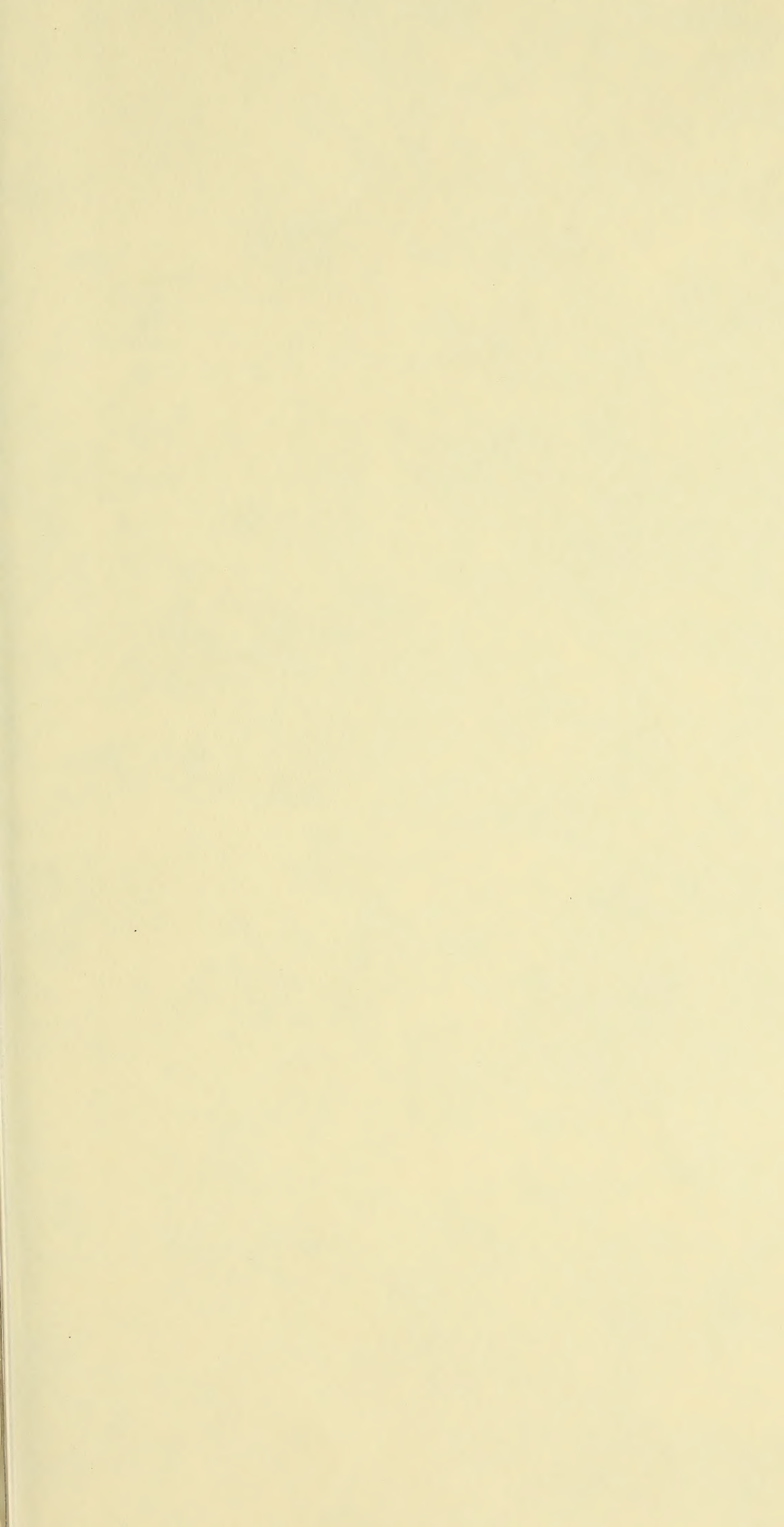
GENTLEMEN:—The seed I bought of you last season gave me more satisfaction than any melons I ever saw. I am obliged to say the Georgia's Best melon is not to be excelled by any, and I shall patronize you and recommend you to buyers ahead of all others.

Respectfully,

J. W. CALLAWAY.







## BLUE GEM.

A cross between the Kolb Gem and the old Primus Jones melon. Blue rind with dim stripe. Larger, better quality, more prolific than Kolb Gem. Nothing else planted here for shipping last season.

Price oz. 10c; pound, 60c.

PORTIA, ARK.

DEAR SIR:—I gave Blue Gem a thorough test and like them very much for their size and delightful flavor. I usually peddle my melons by the car load on local trains. This year I had Kolb Gems, Sweet Hearts and Blue Gems. Where I sold the latter variety on first trip they were called for and were first sold during the remainder of the season. I am going to plant them again next spring.

W. B. SCOTT.

## GARDEN PEA. (Hansell.)

Last spring we sold from 12 rows, 1 acre long, \$25.00 worth of peas. The most prolific pea for the garden; stands more cold than any other. One gallon will plant one acre. Pods small, but plump and full.

Per qt. 50c; pt. 30c.

Pearl millet 15c per pt. One pint enough for one cow.

Okra—Stone's Dwarf. Prolific, 150 pods to the stalk. 10c per oz.

GEORGIA MELON SEED COMPANY,

B. W. STONE & Co., Proprietors,

Thomasville, Ga.

RICHMOND, FORT BEND CO., TEX.

GENTS:—I had a fine lot of melons—the finest I ever saw. I can't say too much for the Georgia's Best.

Yours,

H. BOOTON.

HEMPSTEAD, TEX., July 25, 1898.

GENTLEMEN:—This spring I sent to you and got three pounds of your Blue Gem melon seed. From the start the vines did well, and everyone who saw the patch pronounced it the finest they ever saw. I loaded a car on the 26th of June, the first car from this county. If I could have kept my first stand would have loaded two weeks earlier. Have loaded two cars off the three acres and cleared \$120, and didn't ship any under the average of 23 pounds. The first car averaged 25 pounds. I have raised Kolb Gems for many years, but have never had such success on poor land. I want to buy seed from you the coming season.

Yours truly,

T. B. GABLE.

MT. DORA, FLA., Aug. 9, 1898.

DEAR SIR:—I want to thank you for your GOOD melon seed. While we have had a terrible dry spring, still my melons did well. From about 300 hills I have sold to date over \$70, and still have some melons. Had no trouble selling Thomas and Ice Cream melons at a fair price, no matter how many melons of other varieties on the market. Was told hundreds of times that my melons were the best ever tasted. From melons of last year I saved seed and planted same by side of seed ordered from you this year. Very little difference in Ice Cream, but Thomas was a little earlier, and was darker, larger and some better every way. Hereafter will only plant seed grown by you. The Okra seed you sent me turned out well; in fact, without doubt, it can't be beat. Will plant no other variety, as it is all I could wish for in every respect. As to your peas, I had six rows planted by the side of Rural New Yorker and Landreth's Extra Early. The cold came. While your pea came through all O. K. the others were cold in death.

Yours truly,

J. W. COBB.